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TAGS: MASS, HU
SUBJECT: US ARMS SALES POLICY

REF: (A) STATE 115409; (B) STATE 115244

1. CHARGE TOOK OCCASION OF CALL ON FONMIN PUJA MAY 23 ON ANOTHER MATTER TO PRESENT TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISION ON NEW US ARMS SALES POLICY AS REQUESTED REFTEL A. DRAWING HEAVILY ON POINTS CONTAINED PARA 7 REFTEL B CHARGE TOOK APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES TO HIT HIGH SPOTS, INCLUDING EXPLANATION OF MAIN PURPOSE OF PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL.

2. PUJA EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR EXPOSEE AND ASKED WHAT STEPS USG INTENDED TO TAKE REGARDING ARMS TRANSFERS CARRIED
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OUT BY SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. CHARGE REPLIED THAT IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE USG WOULD MEET WITH OTHER ARMS SUPPLIERS IN EUROPE TO DISCUSS MEASURES FOR MULTI-LATERAL ACTION DESIGNED TO RESTRAIN ARMS SALES. HE POINTED OUT THAT WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN WAS HERE LAST MONTH HE HAD MENTIONED TO FONMIN USG INTENTION TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS THIS PROBLEM WITH SOVIET UNION AS

PART OF ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. PUJA ALSO INQUIRED WHAT STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO CURTAIL ARMS SALES THROUGH COMMERCIAL CHANNELS. CHARGE REPLIED THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONCERN THAT PREVIOUS US POLICIES MAY HAVE STIMULATED ARMS SALES. NEW POLICY SEEKS TO REDUCE SUCH INITIATIVES. HE ADDED THAT BEFORE COMMERCIAL OR USG PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES MAY BE UNDERTAKEN STATE DEPARTMENT PERMISSION IS REQUIRED. FURTHERMORE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS NOW CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW USG PROCEDURES TENDING TO STIMULATE ARMS SALES AND TO REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS WITHIN 60 DAYS. COMMERCIAL SALES, HE SAID, ARE ALREADY RESTRAINED BY EXISTING LEGISLATION AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH POLICY.

4. PUJA OBSERVED THAT HUNGARY IS NOT A SALES AGENT FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS. HE SAID HUNGARY WELCOMED USG INITIATIVE AND WOULD BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF CONTROLS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS.
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